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CELEBRATING THE LEGACY OF FREEDOM HOUSE AMBULANCE

SUNDAY, MAY 12 [PRE-CONFERENCE EVENTS]

<p>12:00 – 6:00 pm</p> <p>17th Floor Corridor</p>	<p>Registration</p>	
<p>9:00 am – 4:30 pm</p>	<p>Pre-Conference</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Resources for the State EMS Official</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Pre-registration required; Additional fee; Lunch included.</i></p> <p>Created for new state EMS officials and as a refresher for other members, this full day seminar is a perennial favorite. Presenters will provide an insightful overview of the responsibilities of state EMS officials (state directors, medical directors, data, education, licensing, preparedness, trauma, and pediatric managers). The class size is small, and the discussion is guaranteed to engage and inspire participants. Commonly known as “boot camp” this session is packed with valuable information.</p>
<p>5:30 - 7:30 pm</p>	<p>Evening Event</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">biospatial Users Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">By invitation only. Light hors d’oeuvres served.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sponsored by biospatial</i></p>

Monday, May 13

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<p>7:00 am – 4:30 pm</p> <p>17th Fl Registration</p>	<p>Registration</p>	
<p>8:45 – 9:15 am</p> <p>Grand Ballroom</p>	<p>Opening Session</p>	<p>Opening Ceremony / Welcome</p> <p>Honor Guard <i>Pittsburgh EMS</i></p> <p>National Anthem <i>Darnella Wilson, Freedom House & Pittsburgh EMS (ret)</i></p> <p>President’s Welcome <i>Joseph House, NASEMSO President</i></p> <p>Host Welcome <i>Dr. Debra Bogen, Pennsylvania Secretary of Health</i></p> <p>Introduction of New State Directors <i>Jason Rhodes, President-elect</i></p>

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<p>9:15 – 10:00 am Grand Ballroom</p>	<p>Plenary Session</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Challenges and Opportunities Facing the EMS Workforce <i>Gregg Margolis, PhD, National Academy of Medicine</i></p> <p>The entire healthcare system will face enormous workforce challenges in the next decade. In this presentation, Gregg Margolis will use lessons from EMS history and other professions to develop near-term strategies to mitigate the crisis. More importantly, he will explore how this crisis creates an opportunity to address many of the challenges that have plagued front-line EMS professionals for years.</p>
<p>10:00 – 10:30 am</p>		<p><i>Networking Break</i></p>
<p>10:30 – 11:15 am Grand Ballroom</p>	<p>Plenary Session</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>BARDA: Implications for State EMS Officials</u> <i>Dr. Judy Laney, Dr. Mary Homer, Dr. Michael El-Shammaa</i> <i>Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR)</i></p> <p>The speakers will provide an overview of the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA), part of the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). BARDA provides an integrated, systematic approach to advanced development and purchase of necessary medical countermeasures (MCMs). These MCMs include vaccines, drugs, therapies, and diagnostic tools for public health medical emergencies caused by chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN) accidents, incidents, and attacks; pandemic influenza (PI), and emerging infectious diseases (EID).</p>
<p>11:15 – 11:45 am Grand Ballroom</p>	<p>Plenary Session</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NHTSA Office of EMS Update <i>Gamunu Wijetunge, Director</i></p> <p>The session will highlight how the National Roadway Safety Strategy adopted by the USDOT in 2022 is bringing new attention to Post Crash Care as one of the 5 top strategies to save lives on the nation’s highways. Learn how EMS and trauma systems are harnessing the energy and new grant funding to improve their response to highway crashes.</p>
<p>11:50 – 1:15 pm Grand Ballroom</p>	<p>Lunch</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Abstract Awards Luncheon</p> <p>Abstract winners will be announced and awards presented during this luncheon event. <i>Sponsored by <u>First Due</u></i></p>

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<p>1:15 – 1:45 pm Grand Ballroom</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Annual Business Meeting (Part 1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to Order – <i>Joseph House</i> • Secretary’s Report / Roll Call – <i>J. Sam Hurley</i> • Treasurer’s Report (Presentation of Budget) – <i>Justin Romanello</i> • Nominating Committee Report – <i>Alisa Williams</i> • Pre-filed Resolutions – <i>J. Sam Hurley</i> • Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws - <i>J. Sam Hurley</i> • Other Business • Recess until Thursday, 3:45 PM
<p>1:45 - 2:45 pm Grand Ballroom</p>	<p>Plenary Session</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Albuquerque EMS Corps</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Dr. Kimberly Pruett, New Mexico EMS Medical Director</i> <i>David Page, Director, Prehospital Care Research Forum at UCLA</i> <i>Michael Gibson, MPA, Executive Director, EMS Corps.</i></p> <p>A five-month EMT program for young adults from challenging backgrounds, EMS Corps includes a highly structured life skills program combining EMS education and mentorship, life coaching, and wellness sessions. Students receive housing if needed along with a monthly stipend, mentorship, wellness, and job placement support. After its success in California, EMS Corps is now a national model for mitigating a shortage of EMS workers while providing career pathways for young people facing barriers to employment.</p>
<p>2:45 – 3:15 pm</p>	<p><i>Networking Break</i></p>	
<p>3:15 – 4:45 pm Grand Ballroom</p>	<p>Plenary Session</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Council Spotlights</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Moderator: Jason Rhodes, President-Elect</i></p> <p>Representatives of NASEMSO’s seven (7) Councils will share their priorities and answer questions from the audience. This event is intended to promote a better understanding and awareness of the myriad of activities in which NASEMSO members are engaged.</p>

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<p>5:15 – 7:15 pm <i>Dinner</i></p>	<p><i>Evening Event</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">An Evening with the National Registry of EMTs <i>Dr. Michael McEvoy, Bill Seifarth, Stephen Wilson</i></p> <p>State EMS directors, licensing officials, medical directors and other invited guests will join the National Registry for an informal dinner, discussion, and feedback session with the National Registry’s leadership.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hosted by <u>National Registry of EMTs</u></p>
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<p>7:00 – 8:30 am</p>	<p>State Directors Networking Breakfast Attendance limited to state directors or their designees. <i>Sponsored by <u>ImageTrend</u></i></p>							
<p>7:30 am – 4:00 pm <i>17th FI Registration</i></p>	<p><i>Registration</i></p>							
<p>8:00 am – 4:30 pm</p>	<p><i>Councils</i></p>	<p>Data Managers (DMC)</p>	<p>Education (EdC)</p>	<p>Health & Medical Preparedness (HMPC)</p>	<p>Medical Directors (MDC)</p>	<p>Pediatric Emergency Care (PEC)</p>	<p>Personnel Licensure (PLC)</p>	<p>Trauma Manager (TMC)*</p>
<p>8:30 – 9:30 am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BARDA: Strategic Focus with State Directors <i>Gregg Lord, MS, NRP and others</i></p> <p>This will be an informational session on BARDA’s current MCM efforts that impact EMS personnel and emergency department physicians. Following a review of current efforts by BARDA scientists, attendees will be able to voice questions, concerns, and suggestions on how BARDA can continue to innovate on behalf of end users to better support response to CBRN events.</p>							
<p>10:00 – 10:30 am</p>	<p><i>Networking Break</i></p>							
<p>12:00 – 1:30 pm</p>	<p><i>Board</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Board Meeting <i>Lunch provided to Board Members</i> Sponsored by <u>FirstNet</u></p>						

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2:00 – 5:00 pm	Meeting	<p align="center">Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice (EMS Compact) Meeting</p> <p align="center"><i>Open to the public with a Q&A session for state EMS officials at 4:00 PM</i></p>
2:30 – 3:00 pm		<i>Networking Break</i>
5:30 – 7:00 pm	Evening Event	<p align="center">Welcome Reception</p> <p align="center">Mingle with colleagues and friends while enjoying light refreshments.</p> <p align="center"><i>Sponsored by ESO</i></p>
6:00 – 6:30 pm	Evening Event	<p align="center"><u>Jim DeTienne Memorial State Souvenir Exchange</u></p> <p align="center">State EMS officials wishing to participate will exchange state souvenirs at this entertaining event to celebrate the legacy of Past President Jim DeTienne. This event will take place during the Welcome Reception.</p>

Wednesday, May 15

8 am – 4:00 pm <i>17th Fl Registration</i>	<i>Registration</i>						
8:00 – 11:00 am	Councils	Data Managers (DMC)* <i>will resume after lunch</i>	Education (EdC)	Medical Directors (MDC)	Pediatric Emergency Care (PEC)	Personnel Licensure (PLC)	Trauma Managers (TMC)
8:30 – 11:00 am	Directors	<p align="center">State Directors Forum</p> <p align="center">Attendance limited to state directors and designees.</p>					
9:30 – 10:00 am		<i>Networking Break</i>					
9:30 – 11:00		<p align="center"><i>Book-signing</i></p> <p align="center"><u>American Sirens</u></p> <p align="center"><i>Kevin Hazzard</i></p>					

<p>LUNCH 11:15 – 1:45 pm <i>Freedom House Commemorative Banquet</i> Grand Ballroom</p>	<p>Celebrating the Legacy of Freedom House Ambulance Commemorative Banquet</p> <p>Hear from Freedom House EMS legends as they take the audience on a journey covering one of the significant historic moments in the evolution of the EMS profession. John Moon, Mitchell Brown and others will share their incredible story of the first true paramedic service staffed by a group of Black men recruited from and serving an inner-city Pittsburgh neighborhood a half century ago.</p> <p><i>Sponsored by OnStar</i></p>	
<p>1:00- 2:30 pm</p>	<p><i>Book-signing</i> American Sirens Kevin Hazzard</p>	
<p>2:00 - 3:15 pm</p>	<p><i>Committee</i></p>	<p>Agency and Vehicle Licensure (AVL) Committee</p>
<p>2:00 – 3:15 pm</p>	<p><i>Committee</i></p>	<p>Community Paramedicine and Mobile Integrated Healthcare (CP- MIH) Committee</p>
<p>2:00 – 3:15 pm</p>	<p><i>Committee</i></p>	<p>Safe Transport of Children (STC) Committee</p>
<p>2:00 – 3:15 pm</p>	<p><i>Committee</i></p>	<p>Highway Incident & Transportation Systems (HITS) National Roadway Safety Strategy (NRSS) Committee</p>
<p>3:15 – 3:45 pm</p>	<p><i>Networking Break</i></p>	
<p>3:30 – 5:00 pm</p>	<p><i>Committee</i></p>	<p>Rural EMS Committee</p>

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3:30 – 5:00 pm	Committee	<p align="center">Opioid & Substance Use Disorder Ad Hoc Committee</p> <p align="center">Presentation: Post Overdose Outreach by EMS in 3 States</p> <p align="center"><i>Fayetteville, NC, CP/MIH</i> <i>West Allis, WI, CP/MIH</i> <i>NJ Office of EMS 5 Minutes to Help</i></p>
3:30 – 5:00 pm	Committee	<p>Specialty Systems of Care Committee</p>
4:30 pm	<p align="center"><i>Resolutions must be submitted to the NASEMSO Secretary by 4:30 pm.</i></p>	
6:30 – 8:00 pm	Evening Event	<p align="center">President's Reception</p> <p align="center">All are invited to join this informal gathering to enjoy hors d'oeuvres and beverages while networking with colleagues.</p> <p align="center">Sponsored by biospatial</p>

Thursday, May 16

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8:00 – 10:00 am <i>17th FI Registration</i>	<p align="center">Registration</p>				
8:00 – 9:45 am	<p align="center">Regional Meetings</p>	<p align="center"><i>All state EMS officials are encouraged to participate in the Regional Meetings.</i></p>			
		<p align="center">East</p> <p align="center"><i>CT, DE, DC, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT, WV</i></p>	<p align="center">Great Lakes</p> <p align="center"><i>IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, WI</i></p>	<p align="center">Western Plains</p> <p align="center"><i>CO, IA, KS, MO, MT, NE, NM, ND, SD, UT, WY</i></p>	<p align="center">South</p> <p align="center"><i>AL, AR, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, OK, PR, SC, TN, TX, VI, VA</i></p>
9:30 – 10:00 am	<p align="center">Networking Break</p>				

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<p>10:00 – 11:10 am <i>Grand Ballroom</i></p>	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Plenary Session</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Continuing the Freedom House Legacy: Building the EMS Workforce</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>St. Paul Fire Dept EMS Academy</u> <i>Brittney Baker, Christyn Lewis, Dep. Chief of EMS Ken Adams (ret), St Paul, MN</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Pittsburgh’s Freedom House 2.0 (UPMC)</u> <i>Trevor Mathey, Dr. Emily Lovallo</i></p> <p>Representatives from two education programs inspired by Freedom House will share their unique programs and how they have succeeded in recruiting and preparing underserved populations for a career in EMS.</p>
<p>11:15 – 11:55 <i>Grand Ballroom</i></p>	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Plenary Session</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Promoting Diversity in EMS</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Chief Amera Gilchrist, Pittsburgh EMS</i> <i>Asst Chief John Moon (ret)</i> <i>Sylvia Owusu-Ansah, MD</i></p> <p>These EMS veterans will share the challenges as well as successes in recruiting an EMS workforce that resembles the community it serves.</p>
<p>12:00 – 1:15 pm Lunch <i>Grand Ballroom</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Lunch and Link <i>Sponsored by</i> <u>Pulsara</u></p>	
<p>1:30 – 3:00 pm <i>Grand Ballroom</i></p>	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Plenary Session</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">State EMS Showcase: Mini-Presentations</p> <p>This session will feature highlights of innovative projects of a select group of state EMS offices. Learn what your colleagues are doing to address EMS concerns in their respective states. The following projects will be presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Indiana EMS Workforce Engagement - Kraig Kinney</i> • <i>Georgia EMS Workforce / Education Dashboard – Richard Rhodes</i> • <i>Colorado EMS Provider Resiliency & Wellness – Jessica Nelsen</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Maine EMS Explorer Program – Anna Massefski</i> • <i>Texas EMS Recruitment – Joe Schmider</i> • <i>Florida Coordinated Opioid Recovery (CORE) – Dr. Angus Jameson</i>
<p>3:00 – 3:30 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Networking Break</p>	

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<p>3:15 – 3:45 pm Grand Ballroom</p>	<p>Council Highlights</p>	<p>Council Highlights and Priority Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data Managers – <i>Jay Ostby</i> • Education – <i>Terrie Godde</i> • Health & Medical Preparedness – <i>Jay Taylor</i> • Medical Directors – <i>Dr. Richard Kamin</i> • Pediatric Emergency Care – <i>Marc Minkler</i> • Personnel Licensure – <i>Wendy Snodgrass</i> • Trauma Managers – <i>Wendy O’Hare</i>
<p>3:45 – 5:00 pm Grand Ballroom</p>	<p>Business Meeting</p>	<p>NASEMSO Annual Business Meeting, Part 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to Order – <i>Joseph House</i> • Secretary’s Report / Roll Call – <i>J. Sam Hurley</i> • Treasurer’s Report / Adoption of the Budget – <i>Justin Romanello</i> • Vote on Amendments to the Bylaws – <i>J. Sam Hurley</i> • Action on Resolutions – <i>J. Sam Hurley</i> • 2024 Election: Treasurer and Member-at-Large (and announcement of East and West Region Chairs, Vice Chairs) • Other Business • EMS Compact Update – <i>Donnie Woodyard</i> • Recognition of Anniversaries and Service – <i>Joseph House</i> • Adjourn

Mark Your Calendar:

NASEMSO Annual Meeting 2025

May 12-16, 2025 (note: Monday-Friday)

Amway Grand Plaza, Grand Rapids, MI